

**METHOD, APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM FOR**  
**DISABLING BIOS-PROVIDED CONSOLE REDIRECTION CAPABILITIES IN**  
**THE PRESENCE OF AN INCOMPATIBLE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE**

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**Abstract of the Disclosure**

Methods, systems, apparatus, and computer-readable media are provided for disabling a BIOS-provided console redirection facility in the presence of an incompatible device. According to the method, a determination is made as to whether a port has been enabled for utilization with a BIOS-provided console redirection facility. If  
10 it is determined that a communications port has been enabled for console redirection, the BIOS is operative to determine whether a device is connected to the communications port that is incompatible with the console redirection facility. If an incompatible device is detected, the BIOS will disable the console redirection facility. Otherwise, the BIOS-provided console redirection facility is enabled for operation.